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President Kupchella issues statement on Virginia Tech tragedy

We are stunned and saddened about the tragic events that continue to unfold at Virginia Tech. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of the many victims, those who were injured as well as those who lost their lives. Our thoughts are also with our friends and colleagues at Virginia Tech. We know they share our commitment to providing a learning, living and working environment that is as safe as possible. When that safe environment is violated, it is a tragedy for everyone. At UND, we are already working to understand what we can take away from this tragedy to help us continue to make our campus as safe as possible. As these next days unfold and we learn more, we will continue to keep the students, parents, staff and faculty at Virginia Tech in our thoughts.

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Time-Out Week, Wacipi events continue

Make plans to attend events during the Indian Association (UNDIA) 38th Annual Time-Out Week and Wacipi. All Time-Out Week events are free of charge due to the generous donations of many UND and community organizations. Time-Out Week and the Wacipi are not just for Native people, they are events for all people.

The schedule follows:

Thursday, April 19

* The "Fifth Annual American Indian Research Forum" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Current research activities will be shared concerning health risks and health promotion among American Indian communities. Exhibits, discussion and poster sessions are planned. Keynote speaker is Darryl Tonhemah, director of health promotion programs at the University of Oklahoma. For more information on this session, visit <http://med.und.nodak.edu/depts/rural/airf/>. Sponsored by the Center for Rural health at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Division of Research.

* "Beading as a Tradition and Stories of Life" will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the International Centre,

2908 University Ave. Denise Lajimodiere has been beading since receiving her first loom at age eight. Dr. Lajimodiere is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribe and is currently an assistant professor in NDSU's Department of Educational Leadership. Participants will have the opportunity to try the "lazy" stitch used in moccasins, leggings and beaded capes along with the appliqué stitch used for floral design and barrettes. Limited to 30 people, so please call Dawn at 777-6393 to reserve a spot.

* "Native American Spirituality and Wellness" will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the International Centre. This session will focus on the aspects of spirituality present in the American Indian culture and explain the significance of traditional ceremonies.

Friday, April 20

* "McNair Research Forum" will be held from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Memorial Union Loading Dock. For more information and a schedule of McNair student research papers being presented, contact Patrice Giese, McNair Program, 777-4931 or e-mail patricegiese@mail.und.nodak.edu.

* "Your Journey to Health and Wellness" will be held from 11 to 11:50 a.m. at the Student Wellness Center. Join Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills and discover the spirit of an Olympian through a journey of perseverance and hard work. Learn how this man of meager means grew to become an athlete of global fame through an unexpected win in the 10,000 meter run in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. Mills was born on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. The discipline and focus he learned in the Marines changed the course of his life. Mills qualified for two events in the 1964 Olympic Games: the 10,000 meters and the marathon. He overcame odds when he won his Gold Medal and set the American and Olympic record in the 10,000 meter run.

* "Walk or Run with Olympian Billy Mills" will be held from noon to 1 p.m. and will begin at the UND Student Wellness Center. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Hyslop Sport Center. Get physical and participate in a 3K walk/run with the 1964 Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills. Anyone walking or running in this event will receive a prize at the finish line. Co-sponsored with UND Cross Country and Track Teams, and Student Wellness Center.

* The concluding event, the Time-Out Wacipi (Wa-chee-pee), is the first major spring contest powwow in the state. Thousands of spectators and hundreds of dancers from throughout the region attend this annual event. Wacipi grand entry begins at 7 p.m. at the Hyslop Sports Center Arena. Join UNDIA and the UND community in welcoming world champion powwow dancers and drums to celebrate this year's event, which will honor American Indian veterans. Dancer and drum registration begins at 5 p.m.

Powwow fee: \$5 per day; \$8 weekend pass; free for children 5 and under, adults 55 and older, and UND students with a current UND student ID.

Saturday, April 21

The powwow continues at the Hyslop Sports Center, with grand entries at 1 and 7 p.m. Dancer and drum registration closes at 2 p.m. A community feast featuring a traditional meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. This is the first major spring contest powwow in the state. The public is invited to join in the annual celebration as singers and dancers compete for prizes. Volunteers will be available for assistance and to answer questions. Copies of "The Guide to Understanding the Powwow as a Celebration of Life" will be available.

The UNDIA Time-Out Week "5-on-5 Men's Basketball Tournament" will be held at the Hyslop Multi-purpose Room Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22. There are eight team slots and the entry fee is \$300 for each

team. For more information, contact Joseph LaFountain at (701)477-4045 or e-mail joseph.lafountain@und.edu.

Sunday, April 22

This is the third and final day of the Wacipi at the Hyslop Sports Center. A grand entry is scheduled for 1 p.m.

The "5-on-5 Basketball Tournament" also concludes on Sunday.

For more information about Time-Out Week and the Wacipi or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the University of North Dakota Indian Association at 777.4291 or send an e-mail to: MACROBUTTON HtmlResAnchor undia@und.nodak.edu.

Time-Out Week and Wacipi information is available on the UNDIA web site at: www.und.nodak.edu/org/undia.

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Greater Grand Forks flood anniversary events listed

Here's a list of what's coming up in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks:

Thursday

-- Luncheon with flood mayors: Former Grand Forks Mayor Pat Owens and East Grand Forks Mayor Lynn Stauss are the featured speakers at a luncheon. The two were in office during the flood. The event is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Alerus Center. The cost is \$8 if you register by Monday and \$10 afterward. Call the Chamber of Commerce at (701) 772-7271 or e-mail info@gochamber.org. The speech itself is free.

-- Remembering the downtown fire: Church bells will ring for two minutes at 4 p.m., roughly the same time that fire broke out in downtown Grand Forks 10 years ago. The fire destroyed 11 buildings, including one of the Herald's two buildings, and caused an estimated \$30 million in damage. The UND carillons will also toll for two minutes at 4 p.m.

-- "Come Hell and High Water": Photos from the 1997 flood by photojournalists with the Herald will be on display at the Herald building, 375 Second Ave. N., 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

-- "Keep the Faith" musical: Grand Forks students in the Summer Performing Arts program will perform the 1997 musical about the flood written shortly after the event. Some 23,000 saw the show in 1997 and 1998. The show is at 7:30 p.m. in UND's Chester Fritz Auditorium. Tickets: \$16, \$11, \$6 for adults; \$11, \$8, \$6 for students and seniors at the Chester Fritz box office.

Friday

-- Music, barbecue and fireworks: Free burgers and brats, and two live bands, courtesy of the city of East Grand Forks. Shriners clowns also will be on hand. The first 2,000 comers get a free, commemorative LED flashlight, which they'll be asked to use in a light ceremony later in evening. Activities are from 7 to 9 p.m. on the Boardwalk and the first block of DeMers Avenue, downtown East Grand Forks. A final flag ceremony and fireworks will start at 9:15 p.m.

-- "Keep the Faith" musical: Repeat performance at the Chester Fritz (see above for more info).

Saturday

-- Appreciation luncheon: Stauss, Owens, U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., former Federal Emergency Management Agency director James Lee Witt and other federal officials are scheduled to speak at this event, 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Sacred Heart School's Social Hall.

-- Parade: Some familiar players from the flood will be rolling down DeMers Avenue in East Grand Forks, and we're not talking about the dignitaries. We're talking about front loaders and motor graders the kind used to

build temporary dikes and a forklift with a palette full of sandbags. Also present will be Shriners with their tiny cars, Easy Rider motorcyclists, Keystone Cops and Winnipeg bagpipers. Local businesses such as Whitey's and PRACS also will have their own floats. Peterson and Witt are parade grand marshals. The event begins at 1:30 p.m. near the Sorlie Bridge and goes for several blocks to 10th Street.

Sunday, April 22

-- Dike dedication: City leaders will dedicate the dike projects, most of which are functionally complete, noon to 2 p.m., Town Square, downtown Grand Forks.

-- Banquet to thank the region: Free barbecue ribs to the first 8,000, Grand Forks' way of thanking residents of the region who helped out during the flood, letting flood victims stay in their homes and helping with the cleanup. Dinner is 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Alerus Center.

-- Los Lobos concert: The band best known for their rendition of "La Bamba" for the 1987 movie of the same name will be playing 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Alerus Center. Musical styles range from Tex-Mex to blues to rock and roll.

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Retirement celebration honors Merry Claymore Ketterling

Please join us in honoring Merry Claymore Ketterling, Indian Studies, for her long and devoted service. She will be honored for her many contributions to the Indian Studies department and to the students on campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 27, in the Indian Studies lounge, 214 Merrifield Hall. -- Indian Studies.

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English graduate students host Kurt Vonnegut reading

Kurt Vonnegut, 84, one of America's greatest writers, died at his home last week. His writing career spanned more than 50 years. The Department of English graduate students will host a commemorative reading of his works at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in 300 Merrifield Hall. The commemorative reading is free and open to the public.

Vonnegut's experience as a prisoner in a World War II during the Allied fire-bombing of Dresden led to a string of novels dealing with war themes, including the cult novel "Slaughterhouse Five," which was later made into a movie. Though misunderstood by early critics, Vonnegut's work was soon praised by peers such as Norman Mailer and Gore Vidal.

In a recent interview, Vonnegut said that "Slaughterhouse Five" was based on his personal experience of the bombing of Dresden, an utterly wasteful, insane action which got no coverage at all in the U.S. press, notes Sherry O'Donnell, professor and chair of the English Department. He felt as if his entire experience had been some kind of fantasy, since people here at home were clueless. So his groundbreaking imaginative novel is based, paradoxically, in an unknown reality.

Tuesday's reading will celebrate, among other things, Vonnegut's revolutionary approach to writing, such as his staccato style and heavy use of punctuation. Besides his works satirizing war, Vonnegut was also a social critic like his hero Mark Twain.

Kurt Vonnegut's "A Man Without a Country," for example, is a wonderfully spirited social commentary in the tradition of Twain, notes Dale Jacobson, a lecturer in the Department of English. It is a sustained attack on hypocrisy, the brutality of our corporate oligarchs, and the arrogance of politicians that serve them. He contributes his critique of our history and current dismal political condition with unflinching satirical

condemnation.

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Brain Bee will be held at medical school

The second annual Greater Grand Forks Regional Brain Bee will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the Reed T. Keller Auditorium, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. This is a neuroscience competition for high school students, covering topics such as brain anatomy, development, function, disorders, treatments and research advances in neuroscience. Last year we had eight students from two local high schools, this year we are anticipating 16 students from five regional high schools.

Please join us in supporting these students. A reception follows in the Vennes Atrium.

This event is sponsored by Center for Excellence in Neuroscience, Red River Valley Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience, UND Neuroscience Club, and Dakota Harvest Bakers.

-- Karen Cisek, RRV-SFN Science Outreach Coordinator, PPT, kcisek@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-6223

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Global Visions film, "Broken Wings," is April 17

The seventh film of this season's Global Visions film series, "Broken Wings," will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. The film is free and open to the public. This award-winning film by Israeli film director Nir Bergman, winner of nine prizes at the Israeli Academy Awards, tells an intimate and universal coming of age story set within a dysfunctional, mourning family. So it's a small miracle that Israeli director Nir Bergman has populated his first feature film with people whose fate comes to matter.

"Broken Wings" is set in Haifa and Tel Aviv, but little is made of the turmoil roiling that part of the world. A personal catastrophe, the movie quietly says, looms larger than anything, no matter how horrific, on the outside. The Ullmans are in shell shock over the recent death of the family patriarch. The subtle script (written by the gifted Bergman, a one-man band who also served as lyricist on the theme song) waits until almost the end to reveal that he died because he was somewhere he shouldn't have been at the request of one of his kids. On such cruel twists of fate do people's fragile lives turn.

Fueled by richly detailed performances from Zilverschatz-Banay and Maron, mother and daughter come to dominate the movie just as they dominate the family. Maron has the chameleon quality of a budding Meryl Streep, going from pretty to plain and happy to sad in the blink of an eye.

Zilverschatz-Banay, a prominent Israeli stage actress, captures that distracted look of sleep-deprived people. Her face registers Dafna's pain at having to yell at her children, but she has no time to discipline them any other way. Exhibiting no apparent vanity, Zilverschatz-Banay allows us to see the extent to which Dafna has given up on her appearance. She is barely able to attend to basic personal hygiene. So when Dafna bothers to put on makeup -- to do a video singles ad, her halfhearted attempt to meet someone -- the effect is startling. She looks like she's hiding under a mask.

Black humor is evident in the video scene. The "director" asks Dafna to say something about herself, and she blurts out that she's 43 and has four kids. When he suggests she alter her age to 39, she looks directly into the camera and says, "I have 39 children." Surely she must feel like the old woman who lives in the shoe who had so many children she didn't know what to do. But Dafna does know what to do -- she unconditionally loves her kids. That may not be all they need, but it can fix a lot of broken parts, even wings.

The series is sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and the Anthropology Club and is organized by Marcia Mikulak. The series is funded by the Multicultural Awareness Committee.

-- Marcia Mikulak, Assistant Professor, Anthropology, marcia.mikulak@und.nodak.edu, 777-4718

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Blue Cross, Blue Shield offers strength bands to participants

Strength training is an important component to a balanced exercise program. The equation you want to remember is: Aerobic Training + Strength Training = Better Health. This presentation from Blue Cross, Blue Shield will cover the advantages of strength training such as a more toned body, weight loss and maintenance, and a healthier heart and state of mind. Everyone in attendance will receive a free strength resistance band.

April 18:

- * EERC Lewis and Clark Room, 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.
- * EERC Lewis and Clark Room, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.
- * Wilkerson Dining, 2 to 2:30 p.m.
- * 244 Odegard Hall, 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.
- * 244 Odegard Hall, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

-- Amanda Eickhoff, Coordinator of Wellness, Wellness Center, amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu, 777-0210

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Children's Summer Arts Day Camp early registration begins

This year the North Dakota Museum of Art will hold six week-long camps where children ages 6-13 can work alongside professional artists to create extraordinary works of art. Each week features a different artist and a different project.

The Children's Summer Arts Day Camp early-bird registration continues. Those holding a current household membership or who will purchase a household membership can register a child at the Museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 19. A \$50 household membership is good for one year and offers reduced prices for the entire family for the Autumn Art Auction, gift shop purchases, music series, children's programs and also keeps your family abreast of events at the Museum.

Registration will continue for everyone beginning April 20 and will be open until all camps are filled. You may register in person, by mail or over the phone with a credit card. We will hold no spaces without payment.

Cost of the camp is \$100 for each child in a family who holds a household membership and \$125 for non-members. Some scholarships are available based upon need. For information contact Sue Fink at 777-4195.

-- Sue Fink, Director of Education, North Dakota Museum of Art, sfink@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Celebrate Earth Day by participating in free events

Reuse-A-Shoe

Drop off old athletic shoes for recycling into sports and playground surfaces through Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program through April 24. Drop-off points are located at the Wellness Center, Memorial Union, or Facilities (Community Center). Please only drop off tennis shoes. No other shoes can be used in this collecting. Further information is available from Jane Peterson, UMAC, 777-4932.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Earth Fair

On April 24 from 2 to 6 p.m. displays and exhibits will be set up in the Wellness Center to share knowledge on environmental wellness. Contact Debbie Merrill, recycling coordinator, Facilities, at 777-4878 if you have any questions.

-- Vanessa Langlie, Marketing Assistant, Wellness Center, VanessaLanglie@mail.und.edu, 777-well

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Doctoral examination set for Deanna O'Bryant

The final examination for Deanna O'Bryant, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in microbiology and immunology, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in Room 1350, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The dissertation title is "Analysis of Host Responses Against the Plague." David Bradley (microbiology) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Doctoral examination set for LaVerne Kingsbury

The final examination for LaVerne Kingsbury, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Teaching and Learning, is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in 206 Education Building. The dissertation title is "Language and Literacy Acquisition and Maintenance of Sudanese Refugee Learners." Anne Walker (Teaching and Learning) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Scott McCloud to present visual lecture on comics, technology

Scott McCloud will give a visual lecture on comics and technology at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Following the presentation there will be a book signing, sponsored by Barnes & Noble.

McCloud, a cartoonist and a leading popular scholar of comics as a distinct literary and artistic medium, was born in Boston, Mass. He created the light-hearted science fiction/superhero comic book series Zot! in 1984. It became a cult classic. His other print comics include Destroy!!, the graphic novel "The New Adventures of Abraham Lincoln," and 12 issues writing DC Comics' Superman Adventures.

He is best known as a comics theorist, following the publication in 1993 of "Understanding Comics," a wide-ranging exploration of the definition, history, vocabulary, and methods of the medium of comics, itself done in comics form. As the most ambitious book on the subject to date, it sparked considerable discussion among comics' creators and readers, and is now widely considered one of the definitive works about the medium of comics. He followed in 2000 with the more controversial "Reinventing Comics" (also in comics form), in which he outlined 12 "revolutions" that he argued would be keys to the growth and success of comics as a popular and creative medium. Finally, in 2006, he released "Making Comics." Following this publication, he went on a 50-state tour with his family which includes all 50 states, and parts of Europe (with a stop in Grand Forks).

He was one of the earliest promoters of webcomics as a distinct variety of comics. McCloud has an active online presence with his web site where he publishes many of his ongoing experiments with comics produced specifically for the web. Among the techniques he explores in his online work is the "infinite canvas" permitted by a web browser, allowing panels to be spatially arranged in ways not possible in the finite, two-dimensional, paged format of a physical comic book.

In 1990 McCloud coined the idea of a 24-hour comic, a complete 24-page comic created by a single cartoonist in 24 consecutive hours. It was a mutual challenge with cartoonist Steve Bissette, intended to compel creative output with a minimum of self-restraining contemplation. Thousands of cartoonists have since taken up the challenge.

McCloud will meet informally with students Thursday, April 19, at 10 a.m. in the art department. All students are welcome to attend.

For more information on Scott McCloud, visit his web site at www.scottmccloud.com

For more information regarding the presentation contact Lucy Ganje, associate professor, art/graphic design, at 777-2670, e-mail, lucy_ganje@und.nodak.edu

The presentation is sponsored by the art department, Office of Instructional Development, and the Harley Straus Visiting Photographer/Artists Fund.

-- Lucy Ganje, Associate Professor, Art/Graphic Design, [Lucy_ganje@und.nodak.edu](mailto:lucy_ganje@und.nodak.edu), 701.777.2670

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Instructional Development director candidate makes presentation

The search for a new director for the Office of Instructional Development is under way. The search committee selected two candidates to make public presentations and meet the UND community. The second session will be held in the East Asian Room, Chester Fritz Library, and will feature Margaret Zidon (Teaching and Learning) Wednesday, April 25, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Please come and discuss the future of instructional development at UND. Your feedback on the candidates will be appreciated. -- Harmon Abrahamson (chemistry), search committee chair.

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13th annual McNair Forum is April 20

The McNair Scholars will present their research at the 13th annual McNair Forum Friday, April 20, from 10 to 11:40 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. The event will take place at the Loading Dock. Everyone is welcome. Please join us. The schedule follows.

10 a.m., Richard Patterson -- "The Recruitment of Males into Early Childhood/Elementary Education"; 10:20 a.m. -- Emily Christofferson, "The Construction of American Indian Cultural Identity in a Cultureless Society"; 10:40 a.m. -- Kyle Hill, "Implications of the post-reinforcement pause using both fixed-ratio and variable time schedules of reinforcement"; 11 a.m. -- Sarah Landsem, "A Comparison of Shoulder Motion to Daily Living Activity Participation Among Mature Adults"; 11:20 a.m. -- David W. Cookman III, "Effects of Prairie Fragmentation on Endemic Orthoptera"; 1 p.m. -- Gayle Almen, "Perceived Social Impact Post Gastric Bypass Females: A Qualitative Study"; 1:20 p.m. Andrea Bancroft, "Domestic Violence: Is it Generational?"; 1:40 p.m. -- Arlene Brown, "Social Costs of Methamphetamines to the Individual"; 2 p.m. -- Stephanie Parisien, "Increasing Tolerance of Human Diversity in a College Classroom Setting"; 2:20 p.m. -- Robin Boe, "Children of Alcoholic Parents and Resiliency"; 2:40 p.m. -- Chris Eells, "Playing Indian at Summer Camps in the Interwar Years."

-- Jill Teters, Program Coordinator, TRIO/McNair, jillteters@mail.und.edu, 777-4931

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Asian drum group performs at Apartment Community Center

All students, faculty, staff and their families are invited to attend a free performance at the UND Apartment Community Center Friday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. Mu Performing Arts is the Midwest's foremost pan-Asian performing arts organization, and is home to Theater Mu, an Asian American theater company, and Mu Daiko, a Japanese taiko drumming group. Founded as Theater Mu in 1992, Mu has come to be known for its unique blending of Asian and Western artistic forms in the expression of Asian and Asian American stories and music.

This event is sponsored by UND Apartment Housing, UND Multicultural Awareness Committee, and the UND Asian Student Association. For more information, please contact Malia Young at 777-9862 or MaliaYoung@mail.und.edu.

-- Malia Young, Residence Apartment Director, Housing, MaliaYoung@mail.und.edu, 701.777.9862

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UND to host Midwest Instruction,Computing Symposium

The Computer Science Department will host the 40th Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium (MICS) April 20-21 at the Alerus Center. The conference theme, "A Celebration of Midwest Computing Heritage" has been chosen to reflect on computing achievements in the MICS hosting region. The conference format this year will include a Career Fair featuring representatives from companies throughout the region and beyond and feature an industry panel discussion with representatives from major computing companies in the region. The keynote speaker will be Drew Flaada, director of software development.

This event will provide a unique opportunity for companies to present information on jobs, co-ops, and internships to more than 100 talented students from computing programs at dozens of small to mid-size colleges and universities in the Upper Midwest.

The symposium is one of the longest-running conferences on computing in the nation. It held its first meeting at UND in 1967 and has been held each consecutive spring at an academic institution in the Upper Midwest. The purpose of the conference is to provide a regional forum for educators and students to present and discuss issues, methods, and research topics related to computing and the use of computers in education. The conference format includes presentations by faculty and students, panel discussions, and both a programming contest and a robotics contest for teams of students.

Attendance in recent years has exceeded 250 with more than 150 student participants per year. More information about the conference can be found at www.micsymposium.org and www.cs.und.edu/mics07.

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Doctoral examination set for Roger Allen Abbe

The final examination for Roger Allen Abbe, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 1 p.m. Monday, April 23, in 206 Education Building. The dissertation title is "North Dakota K-12 Principals' Perceptions of Arts Integration in Schools." Sherryl Houdek (Educational Leadership) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Encuentro musical ensemble features flamenco dance

The Multicultural Awareness Committee invites you to attend Encuentro, a musical ensemble performing a blend of traditional flamenco and world music. Encuentro provides a glimpse into diverse musical cultures in an innovative experience featuring some of the most talented artists performing Flamenco guitar, singing, and dance. Encuentro is a powerhouse experience, which takes the listener from the most delicate melody to a rabbleroising, stunning crescendo!

A Flamenco lecture-demonstration will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 23, at the North Dakota Museum of Art. A Encuentro performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium.

Come experience the intricate rhythms of Andulcian culture fused with percussion instruments from the

Caribbean, Africa, and South America as they blend cante jondo (deep song), guitar, and dance into an artistic experience of rare intensity.

It is sponsored by the UND Multicultural Awareness Committee. Admittance is free, so bring your friends and join us at these amazing events!

-- Sierra Abe, Public Relations Officer, Multicultural Awareness Committee, sierra.abe@und.nodak.edu, 701-880-8911

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Retirement reception for Richard Crawford is April 24

Richard Crawford, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of Biology, will retire at the end of 32 years as a UND faculty member. During this time, he has established himself as an expert in avian wildlife management and restoration ecology. He and his students have studied birds in their natural habitats around the globe. Recently he has focused his studies on the ecology of native prairies.

Rich Crawford's teaching and scholarship has been recognized by his being named Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in 1997 and receiving the Thomas J. Clifford Award for outstanding research in the same year. He also has been recognized for his teaching and service by receiving the B.C. Gamble and UND Alumni Award in 1983 and received the North Dakota Award from the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society in 1992. He served as president of this group and is an elective member of the American Ornithologists' Union.

Rich completed his undergraduate education at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University) followed by a M.A. degree in Zoology in 1969 at the same institution. After two years of service as a medic in the Army, he entered the doctoral program at Iowa State University and received a Ph.D. in wildlife biology in 1975. He joined the biology faculty at UND in 1975 as well.

Rich is married to Glinda Crawford, professor emeritus of sociology and environmental studies, who retired after 30 years on the UND faculty. They live with their daughter, Melanie, formerly an elementary teacher in Grand Forks, and share a commitment to organic food production and gardening and living lightly on the land. They also are committed to maintaining and restoring native prairie habitat.

Crawford's primary teaching responsibilities at the undergraduate and graduate level has been in the areas of ornithology and wildlife biology, teaching key courses in these areas during his career. He also has been a major force in the direction and supervision of the undergraduate fisheries and wildlife biology degree program. Rich has served as advisor to 10 Ph.D., one D.A, and 30 M.S. students as well as many undergraduate students.

The research efforts of Rich and his students has resulted in the publication of 67 journal articles for which he is author or co-author and an additional significant number of publications from his students for research efforts supervised by him. His research and that of his students has been supported by a variety of funding agencies, most notably the National Science Foundation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Federal Highway Administration and N.D. Department of Game and Fish. In addition, the research of his students has been supported by the Delta Waterfowl Research Station and the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources.

Rich served as chairman of the biology department on two different occasions. He has served on virtually every committee within the department and also on many significant college and university committees as well.

He has been involved in the development and direction of other academic programs on campus. He served on

the founding committees for academic programs in peace studies, women studies and environmental studies: the sole faculty member on campus to serve in this triple capacity. Throughout his time at UND, he has been a member of the Institute of Ecological Studies and has served as its director.

Rich, Glinda and Melanie will relocate to a small, 40-acre farm in north Missouri near where Rich and Glinda grew up. They plan to implement ideas to assist themselves and others to live a more sustainable lifestyle. He plans to continue his hobbies of bird watching, woodworking and reading. They will be missed in our community. Please join us in wishing them well during a reception beginning at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, in the North Dakota Museum of Art on the UND campus. -- Ike Schlosser, professor and chair of biology.
-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3621

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De-Stress Fest is April 24

Having trouble with studying ghouls? Who ya gonna call? ... Stressbusters! Come to De-Stress Fest! Tuesday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Loading Dock. There will be ways to relax and de-stress before finals. Free chair massages, brain food, door prizes, Stressbuster tips, and so much more. We hope to see you at De-Stress Fest!

For more information contact the Student Health Promotion Office at 777-2097.

The event is sponsored by ADAPT Peer Educators, Lifetime Sports, Magna Iota, SHAC, Student Health Services, University Counseling Center, University Learning Center, University Program Council, Wellness Center, and Women's Center.
-- Carrie Giebel, GSA Student Health, Student Health Promotion Office, carrie.giebel@und.edu, 701-777-2097

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PAC-W hosts "Let's Do Lunch" April 24

President's Advisory Council on Women's Issues presents "Let's Do Lunch" from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 24, and/or noon to 1 p.m. at the Memorial Union River Valley Room. During the first hour, with the help of the Women Studies Program, we will acknowledge the recipients of the Louise Eberwein scholarship and the winners of the 2007 Women Studies Essay Contest. The awards will be followed by a brief discussion regarding mentoring opportunities. No pre-registration is necessary, just stop in and meet some excellent individuals.

During the second hour, our luncheon panel will honor the memory of Libby Rankin by exploring the possible benefits of mentoring and camaraderie. These are two separate events . . . come to one or both.

This event is free. To register for the free lunch, please RSVP by Friday, April 20, to Patty McIntyre at 777-4302.
-- Patty McIntyre, Treasurer, Presidents Advisory Council on Womens Issues, undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu, 777-4302

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Doctoral examination set for Elaine LaPlante

The final examination for Elaine LaPlante, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in Teaching and Learning, is set for 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, in 206 Education Building. The dissertation title is "Social Issues Surrounding the Adolescent with Asperger Syndrome: Perceptions of Parents and Teachers." Lynne Chalmers (Teaching and Learning) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.
-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Doctoral examination set for Christen G. Herrick

The final examination for Christen G. Herrick, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Counseling

Psychology, is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in 316 Montgomery Hall. The dissertation title is "A Single-Subject Investigation of the Effectiveness of Transitional Objects in Reducing Self-Injurious Behaviors." Kara Wettersten (Counseling Psychology) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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President of Alaska Conservation Solutions will discuss global warming April 26

Alaska and North Dakota share similar problems caused by global warming and the many solutions necessary to solve these problems. Average temperatures are on the rise; we are losing critical wetland habitat at an alarming rate, which threatens migratory waterfowl; and Arctic sea ice, which helps cool the earth, has lost an area about the size of Texas.

Avoiding the most severe consequences from global warming is possible and depends not only on the actions of governments and industries; it also depends on simple and cost-effective actions of many people.

Deborah Williams, president of Alaska Conservation Solutions, will describe the causes and consequences of global warming and outline beneficial solutions at noon Thursday, April 26, at Clifford Hall Auditorium, Room 210. The presentation, "Global Warming: The Greatest Threat," will also be webcast live at www.umac.org for the benefit of those who cannot attend in person.

Williams received her B.A. from Pomona College, summa cum laude, with a concentration in biology and economics. She graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and was the principal founder and co-editor-in-chief of the Harvard Environmental Law Review.

In 1994, she received a Presidential appointment and became the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Interior for Alaska. She advised the Secretary about managing over 220 million acres of national lands in Alaska, and worked with Alaska tribes and others associated with the Department's broad natural and cultural resource jurisdiction. Currently, Williams is president of Alaska Conservation Solutions, an Anchorage, Alaska organization devoted primarily to addressing global warming.

For more information, contact Karen Katrinak, Center for People and the Environment, at 777-2482, or katrinak@aero.und.edu.

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Attend "Breaking Indigenous Stereotypes" April 26

The UND Diversity Sub-Committee and the Higher Education Learning Program (HELP) to Promote Diversity invite you to attend a discussion between UND and Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, Minn.) about diversity issues. Participation from all faculty, staff, and students is encouraged and will help foster understanding and learning of what forms of diversity exist within society.

"Breaking Indigenous Stereotypes" will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. Facilitators are Janet Moen, professor of sociology/peace studies, and Chris Mato Nunpa, associate professor of American Indian studies, SMSU. Topics will include discussing causes and effects of native stereotypes, and learning about issues relating to slavery and genocide.

-- Kerry Kerber, Associate Dean of Outreach Programs, Division of Continuing Education, kerrykerber@mail.und.edu, 777-4264

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Relationships! the good, the bad, and the ugly

Come and learn about the good and not so good aspects of a healthy relationship from Luke Carter and Colin Duggan from the Counseling Center. During the presentation they will talk about healthy communication, intimacy, warning signs, breaking up, and dealing with new technology. This presentation is free of charge and takes place Thursday, April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Wellness Center classroom.

-- Vanessa Langlie, Marketing Assistant, Wellness Center, VanessaLanglie@mail.und.edu, 777-Well

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Leadership lunch panel is April 27

You are invited to attend a lunch panel, "Exploring Higher Education Leadership," presented by the 2006-07 participants in the President's Issues in Higher Education Leadership Seminar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 27, in the Badlands Room, Memorial Union. Panel members are Dee Ann Ellingson (Accounting), Pejcharat Harvey (Counseling Center), Lisa Burger (Student Academic Services), Debi Melby (Conferences/Housing), Lori Swinney (CILT), and Anne Walker (Teaching and Learning). The panel will discuss challenges and opportunities in higher education leadership. You are particularly encouraged to attend if you are thinking about applying for the 2007-08 Issues in Higher Education Leadership Seminar. Box lunches will be provided for those who sign up with Lisa Moore at 777-4141 by Tuesday, April 24.

-- Victoria Beard, Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, victoriabeard@mail.und.edu, 7-4824

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

University Council elects new members

The following 14 University Council members were elected on an at-large basis to serve two-year terms on the University Senate from September 2007 through August 2009: Katherine Anderson, Mary Baker, Olaf Berwald, Judy DeMers, Van Doze, Bonni Gourneau, Jon Jackson, Sukhvarsh Jerath, Eric Lawson, Steven Light, David Marshall, Jeffrey Sun, Nadine Tepper and Min Wu.

Steven Light was elected to serve a five-year term and David Marshall and Kathy Smart were elected to serve one-year replacement terms on the Standing Committee on Faculty Rights.

Steven Light was elected to serve a three-year term on the Council of College Faculties.

The 30 faculty elected to the Special Review Committee for 2007-2008 are the following: Harmon Abrahamson, James Antes, Shelby Barrentine, Richard Ferraro, Lucy Ganje, William Gosnold, Birgit Hans, James Haskins, Thomasine Heitkamp, Sukhvarsh Jerath, Mohammad Khavanin, Steven Light, Rugao Liu, David Marshall, Barry Milavetz, James Mochoruk, Janet Moen, Douglas Munski, Dexter Perkins, Donald Poochigian, Kimberly Porter, Sally Pyle, Kathryn Rand, Thomas Richards, Garl Rieke, Kathy Smart, Wayne Swisher, Michael Wittgraf, Eleanor Yurkovich and Margaret Zidon.

-- Lori Hofland, Administrative Assistant, Registrars Office, lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3892

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Senate Scholarly Activities Committee announces research awards

The Senate Scholarly Activities Committee received one publication grant application requesting \$520.81, and 15 research/creative activity grant applications, requesting a total of \$34,706 in response to the February call for proposals. The following awards were made:

Research and Creative Activity Awards

- * Albert Berger, history, \$2,150, "A Christian Conscience and a Billion Dollars: The Life and Work of John D. Rockefeller, Jr."
 - * Eric Burin, history, \$2,400, "'The Love of Liberty Brought Us Here': Emigration to Liberia, 1820-1904"
 - * William Caraher, history, \$2,000, "Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project"
 - * Frank Cuozzo, anthropology, \$2,000, "Introduced Mammal Predation of Wild Lemurs at Beza Mahafaly Special Reserve, Madagascar: A Systematic Threat Assessment"
 - * Richard Josephs, geology and geological engineering, \$1,500, "Micromorphological Investigations of the Dahlen Esker, Walsh and Grand Forks Counties, North Dakota"
 - * Adam Kitzes, English, \$2,000, "The Breath of Every Fool: Conspiracy and Popular Literature in Shakespearean England"
 - * Patrick Lubner, art, \$322.50, "Travel to Serve as a Career Development Mentor for the Career Mentor Program Sponsored by the College Art Association"
 - * Nuananong (Lek) Seal, family and community nursing, \$2,000, "The Effects of Camp 'Wellness Adventure' on Children's Health Behaviors, Self Competence, and Wellness"
 - * Donovan Widmer, art, \$2,000, "Is That a Fact: A Post-Modern Visual Critique of the Institutional Imperatives"
- B. P. Bandyopadhyay, Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, bishubandyo@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701/777-3844

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2007 Merrifield Award deadline approaches

Faculty are asked to remind students that all papers to be considered for the annual Merrifield Competition Award must be submitted to the Department of Special Collections, Chester Fritz Library, no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 27. The \$1,500 UND scholarship provided by the Alumni Association and Foundation is awarded annually, based upon a competitive review of original research papers that utilize primary resource materials held in the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections, Chester Fritz Library. More information concerning research criteria and paper guidelines is available in Special Collections, located on the library's fourth floor.

Papers this year will be juried by Sandy Slater, head, Special Collections, and the following faculty members: Carl Barrentine, humanities and integrated studies; David Flynn, economics; Anne Kelsch, history; and, Yvette Koepke-Nelson, English. Brochures that outline the competition guidelines are also available from these faculty members.

-- Sandy Slater, Head, Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections, Chester Fritz Library, sandyslater@mail.und.edu, 777-4625

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General education proposal now available online

The general education task force is pleased to announce a near-final draft of a document that outlines a proposed new general education program for UND. The proposal includes a letter of rationale for the new general education program, as well as supporting materials documenting the decision making process.

The task force encourages everyone to read the proposal, available at www.und.edu/dept/oid/getf.htm. The proposal will be discussed at the University Senate meeting Friday, May 4.

-- Anne Walker, Associate Professor, Teaching & Learning, Provost General Education Task Force, anne.walker@und.edu, 777-3162

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Gen ed model project proposals sought

In support of the gen ed task force's effort to create more campus-wide intentionality about general education, the Office of Instructional Development is making available a targeted Model Projects program (two- or four-

week projects) for faculty who want to develop or redevelop “model” courses, focusing explicitly on general education, and addressing identified needs. By the conclusion of the project, courses should be ready to be offered within either the current gen ed program or the proposed new program. Funding of \$3,000 for four-week projects or \$1,500 for two-week projects may be requested.

Course projects can focus on any of the following:

- quantitative reasoning;
- information literacy;
- creative thinking;
- global social-cultural diversity;
- U.S. social-cultural diversity;
- capstone courses (addressing at least two of the proposed gen ed goals).

Applicants should commit to the following:

- attendance at a May 15 “Focus on Course Development for General Education” luncheon;
- completion of course project work by the end of June (project funds need to be expended by that date);
- participation in a June luncheon, date to be announced;
- participation in an August “show and tell” session with other faculty engaged in model course development;
- participation in a Gen Ed Summit in Fall 2007.

To apply:

Submit an application to the Office of Instructional Development, following the format for “Summer Professorship” applications that’s posted on the OID website (posted under “Funding for Faculty”). For full consideration, applications should be received by April 30.

-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost, Provost Office, joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu, 7-4684

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Studio One features Dakota fighting championships, gospel music

Hear more about an event sometimes referred to as cage fighting on the next edition of Studio One on Channel 3 in Grand Forks. Dakota Fighting Championships is viewed by many as dangerous. According to the DFC, the sport is a mix of martial arts and wrestling. However, some competitors say the sheer thrill of competition keeps them coming back to the ring. Hear from DFC participants about the dedication involved in becoming an “ultimate fighter.”

Also on the show this week, learn how one family is bringing the gospel to others in a unique way. Robert Robinson and his siblings travel across the U.S. teaching and performing gospel music. Their workshops vary in size from 10 to 200 people. Find out how this family’s distinctive harmonies may have impacted others.

Studio One is an award-winning news and information program produced at the University of North Dakota Television Center. The program airs live on UND Channel 3 on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Re-broadcasts can be seen at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. daily and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Prairie Public Television airs Studio One on Saturday at 6 a.m. The program can also be seen by viewers in Fargo, Bismarck/Mandan and Minot, N.D.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

-- Meghan Flaagan, Director of Marketing, Television Center, meghan.flaagan@und.edu, 777-3818

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U2 lists workshops

Below are the U2 workshops for April 17–20. Visit our web site for more.

Blue Cross, Blue Shield: Strength Bands

April 18

- * EERC, Lewis and Clark Room, 10:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
- * Wilkerson Dining, 2 and 2:30 p.m.
- * Odegard Hall, Room 244, 2:45 and 3:15 p.m.

Strength training is an important component to a balanced exercise program. The equation you want to remember is: aerobic training + strength training = better health. This presentation will cover the advantages of strength training such as a more toned body, weight loss and maintenance, and a healthier heart and state of mind. Everyone in attendance will receive a free strength resistance band. Presenter: Millissa Van Eps, member, education representative.

Pre-Retirement Seminar: Social Security and Medicare Programs

April 17, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Room 10-12, Swanson Hall.

This workshop will provide you information regarding the many questions you may have about Social Security and Medicare at retirement. Presenter: Howard Kossover, public affairs specialist, Social Security Administration.

Records Retention and E-Mail

April 18, 10 to 11 a.m., Memorial Room, Memorial Union.

During this workshop, you will learn what role e-mail plays in an organization, UND policy and best practices for retaining e-mail messages. Presenter: Chris Austin, records manager.

Defensive Driving

April 19, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator

This workshop is required by state fleet for all UND employees who drive state vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a state vehicle. Employees are encouraged to bring a family member (spouse and/or dependents). This workshop may also reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and could possibly remove points from your driving record. Presenter: Tom Brockling.

Facilities Discoverer Reports Training

April 19, 9 to 10 a.m., 361 Upson II

The billing charges from facilities will be posted to PeopleSoft in a summarized format. To access the detailed information each department will need to have access to Discoverer reports and be trained on how to access the detail and summary information for their departments. These reports will break down the charges by individual work orders and/or projects. Presenter: Laura Thoreson.

Data Protection and Privacy

April 19, 2 to 4 p.m.

This workshop will introduce secure practices for handling and storing sensitive University and personal data. Topics will include:

- Practices and configurations for securing your operating system, web browser, e-mail, and other software applications.
- Protecting your personal information online.
- Must have security software for your computer.
- Encrypting sensitive data.

Presenter: Brad Miller, IT security officer.

-- Sara Satter, U2 Program Assistant, Continuing Education, sarasatter@mail.und.edu, 777-2128

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Family medicine is popular for graduating medical

students

Family medicine is the single most popular choice of UND senior medical students who will earn the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree this spring and go on for specialty training.

Eleven graduates, about 20 percent of the 55-member M.D. Class of 2007, have elected to pursue training in family medicine, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Judy DeMers.

Twenty-two graduates, or 40.7 percent, have chosen to pursue residency training in primary care, defined as family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics or combined medicine-pediatrics, she said. Nearly 52 (51.9) percent, or 28 graduates, will enter programs in primary care and obstetrics-gynecology.

"We are very proud of our outstanding medical students, and very pleased that so many of them have elected to pursue medical specialties that are most needed in North Dakota," said H. David Wilson, dean of the UND medical school.

Medical school graduates, who begin training this summer, generally pursue three to five years of residency training in order to become eligible for certification in the medical specialty of their choice.

Among the UND M.D. Class of 2007 members' choices for training, family medicine is followed by internal medicine (seven), obstetrics-gynecology (six), emergency medicine and orthopedic surgery (each five), and general surgery (four), DeMers said.

UND's senior medical students plan to pursue training in 12 different medical specialties and will spend the first year of residency in 21 states including North Dakota, the single most popular location for residency training, she said.

"Most of our students seem to prefer the Upper Midwest," DeMers noted, with 10 selecting North Dakota programs, followed by seven choosing Minnesota; six Michigan; four Wisconsin; three each going to Indiana, Ohio and Utah, and two each going to Idaho and South Dakota.

Commencement ceremonies for the M.D. Class of 2006 are planned for 3 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. The event, open to the public, will feature keynote speaker Bret Haake, head of the division of neurology and clinical professor of clinical neuroscience and family and community medicine at the UND medical school and executive partner of neurology services at MeritCare Medical Group, Fargo.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-4305

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North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe lists specials

Specials at the Museum of Art Cafe follow.

- * April 18 – Entrée: Calzones; Soup: Irish Potato
- * April 19 – Entrée: Greek Pita Pizza; Soup: Split Pea and Ham
- * April 20 – Entrée: Calzones; Soup: Split Pea and Ham

The Museum Café and Coffee Shop, located in the lower level of the Museum, serves a full luncheon menu from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Take-out is available, UND billing is accepted, and the conference room is available for luncheons. We also cater weekend and evening events, 777-4195.

Visit the Museum Cafe online at <http://www.ndmoa.com/cafe.html>

-- Connie Hulst, Office Manager, North Dakota Museum of Art, chulst@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Conversation partners sought for international students

ELS Language Centers is seeking volunteers to serve as conversation partners for international students. Conversation partners meet with students for an hour a week to help language learners practice their social language skills and learn more about American culture. For more information, please contact Jill Shafer at 777-6755.

-- Jill Shafer, Center Director, ELS Language Centers, jill.shafer@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-6755

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Internal job openings listed

The following position vacancies are available only to regular UND staff employees who have successfully completed their six-month probation period, earn annual and sick leave, receive BC/BS Health insurance and TIAA-CREF or ND PERS retirement benefits. Current UND faculty, please contact Human Resources for eligibility.

TO APPLY: Please complete UND Application/Control Card form. Send letter of application and resume, referencing position name and number, to: Human Resources, University of North Dakota, Twamley Hall, Room 313, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 8010, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8010. Applications MUST be received by the deadline date.

EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE/COACHES:

POSITION: Web Designer, University Relations, #07-275

DEADLINE: (I) 4/20/2007

SALARY: \$26,000 - \$30,000

POSITION: International Student Advisor (variable hours), International Programs, #07-273

DEADLINE: (I) 4/20/2007

SALARY: \$25,000 - \$26,500

POSITION: Helicopter Pilot, Aerospace Sciences, #07-271

DEADLINE: (I) 4/20/2007

SALARY: \$29,000 - \$54,000

POSITION: Research Analyst, Office of Institutional Research, #07-270

DEADLINE: (I) 4/17/2007

SALARY: \$46,000 - \$51,000

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Lab Technician, Anatomy and Cell Biology, #07-272

DEADLINE: (I) 4/19/2007

SALARY: \$22,000 - \$25,000

OFFICE SUPPORT: No current openings.

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE: No current openings.

IN THE NEWS

Birgit Hans writes book on classic Native American writer

A lifelong passion for Native American culture began for Birgit Hans during her youth in Germany. Hans, chair of Indian Studies, built on the basis of that passion a well-deserved reputation as a sensitive and dedicated scholar of Native American culture.

Her latest endeavor is a new book titled, "D'Arcy McNickle's 'The Hungry Generations': the Evolution of a Novel," published recently by the University of New Mexico Press, well known for its books about Native American society, culture, and literature.

"I'm excited about this book because it brings to light again a very special Native American writer," says Hans. "D'Arcy McNickle was an early pioneer of the Native American novel, a Native American writer who, in many ways, anticipated the Native American Renaissance in writing."

William D'Arcy McNickle was born in 1904 in Montana of a Scottish-Irish father and a Cree mother. Although the family was Cree, they were adopted into the Salish-Kooteni (Flathead) tribe.

"He is widely regarded as one of the founders of Native American literature and ethnohistory," says Hans. "He also worked in the U.S. Bureau of Indian affairs, but resigned in protest of federal assimilation policies following World War II. I'd say he was recognized as a leading authority on government policy concerning Native Americans.

In his writing, McNickle — who traveled, studied, and taught widely here and abroad — deals with many crucial issues facing Native Americans, including what happens when a Native person tries to assimilate into the dominant white culture. Hans explains that McNickle believed that the survival and renewal of Native cultures depended on a keen community understanding of tribal life, traditional ceremonies, and indigenous literatures.

Hans discovered an original hand-written manuscript for McNickle's novel "The Surrounded" and immediately noticed that it was significantly different from the previously published version of the novel.

"The story was substantially changed in tone from the manuscript," Hans notes. "This is what made this such an exciting project for me, to tell his original story, which focused much more closely on the Native American experience."

Brian Idalski named head women's hockey coach

Brian Idalski has been named head coach of the Fighting Sioux women's hockey team.

Idalski, a native of Warren, Mich., spent the 2006-07 season as an assistant coach with St. Cloud State University's women's hockey program, where his primary responsibilities included coaching the defensemen, scouting opponents and overseeing all aspects of recruiting.

He and his wife Nicole have four sons. -- Athletics.

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3621

Cullen Goenner discusses unleaded gasoline prices

Editor's Note: Unleaded gasoline prices have risen about 50 cents here in the Midwest from December 2006 through April of 2007. The U.S. average price of gasoline was \$2.29 in early December, 2006, and is up to around \$2.80 as of April 16, compared with an inflation-adjusted \$1.85/gallon in 1970 and \$3.05 in 1980. The recent run-up in gasoline prices at the pump is similar to what we saw last spring, when prices rose from \$2.15 to \$2.68 during the same period.

Most of us put up and pay up at the pump, but University of North Dakota economist Cullen Goenner, who teaches in the College of Business and Public Administration, takes a hard look behind the numbers. A year ago in this space, Goenner correctly predicted both direction and magnitude of gasoline price advances, and he foresaw a late summer price decline. Office of University Relations writer Juan Miguel Pedraza talks with Goenner for his 2007 analysis of the fuel market situation.

OUR: Gas prices are going up again, at just about the same clip they did a year ago. What's behind this year's run-up and what do you see for the 2007 summer driving season?

Goenner: One big difference this year's rise in gasoline prices and last year's is that the sharp increase in price occurred about a month earlier this year compared to last (February vs. March) while the spot, or cash, price of crude is currently about \$2 a barrel less.

The quicker run-up in prices is tied, in part, to increased tensions with Iran, which has promised to continue the enrichment of uranium, and a sharp decline in temperature that put pressure on heating oil prices. However, part of the increase (10 to 20 cents/gallon) is expected with the change of seasons as more Americans take to the roads for the summer vacation season.

Predictions by the U.S. Energy Information Administration suggest that oil prices will stabilize around \$65 a barrel this summer and gas prices will average \$2.84 a gallon.

OUR: OPEC—despite the war in Iraq and international tensions over Iran's nuclear program—promises to keep pumping oil. Do you sense any danger of OPEC substantially reducing or choking off the flow of crude to the West?

OPEC—the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the cartel that controls most of the world's crude oil supplies—at its most recent meeting in March decided against further production cuts, as the price of oil strengthened from a low of \$51 per barrel in January to around \$60 in March. Nigeria is expected to increase production as is Saudi Arabia. OPEC also predicts that production by non-OPEC members will increase by 1.2 million barrels a day in 2007 over last year's production.

OPEC recognizes that stable oil prices are a key to global economic growth, which increases the demand for their product. Of greater concern than the supply of oil is the ability of refineries to meet the demand for gasoline. In the past, the US has had excess refinery capacity, but as demand has recently grown, the utilization rate of refineries has risen. Any unexpected changes in their operations, such as those which occurred after hurricanes Rita and Katrina, will cause huge problems. Currently, planned and unplanned refinery outages have led to a decrease in the stock of finished gasoline.

OUR: Ethanol prices seem to be directly pegged to the price of oil--that is, they vary directly as price per barrel of crude changes. What's the reason for this?

Goenner: A study by Iowa State researchers indicates that the correlation between the price of ethanol and unleaded gas is 0.64, which indicates that their prices move together over time. Ethanol is primarily used as an oxygenate to help unleaded gas burn cleaner and thus the two goods are complementary. The demand and supply of ethanol and unleaded gas determine their prices. Factors that increase the demand for gasoline and thus its price, similarly affect the demand for ethanol and its price.

OUR: What is the overall relationship between the price of crude oil and America's economy?

Goenner: Higher oil prices contribute to two significant economic concerns; inflation and recession. An increase in oil prices contributes to a higher price level as gasoline prices and transportation costs of other goods and services increase, which are part of the basket of goods in the CPI. Inflationary pressure forces the Federal Reserve to consider raising interest rates that slow the economy in order to maintain price stability. Studies by the US Energy Information Agency suggest that every 10% increase in oil prices lowers US growth by as much as .1% from its expected growth rate. So if the economy is predicted to grow at 4.3% annually when the price of oil is \$50 a barrel, then the economy would grow at a rate of 3.9% if the price were instead \$70.

OUR: What long-term negative consequences have resulted since the price of crude went from \$50 to \$70/bbl? What consequences can we expect in the future? Any positive outcomes?

Goenner: If oil prices continue to be high, then we can expect an increased investment in research and development of alternative technology. American entrepreneurs, who lead the world in innovation, stand to benefit enormously from these opportunities, similar to those who benefited from the internet revolution.

OUR: Most of us in the Baby Boom generation remember OPEC's oil embargo of 1973, when petroleum prices quadrupled and the world economy spun into a severe recession and massive inflation. We also remember Detroit promising more fuel efficient cars. However, most of today's cars, including many Hondas, have not increased mile-per-gallon performance. In fact, many have seen their average mpg retreat. Moreover, we've seen in the last 20 years a sharp increase in the number of large fuel-inefficient vehicles on the road.

What's the economic reason behind this seemingly illogical response to a very clear example of what happens when oil supplies shrink?

Goenner: Gasoline prices actually rose more dramatically in the wake of the second oil shock (1979), where the average annual gas price rose from \$2.39 (real 2006 dollars) in 1979 to \$3.05 in 1980 and 1981. Prices during the summer of 2006 again broke the \$3 mark, and the growth in the demand for gasoline slowed.

Demand for gasoline is very inelastic, which means it is difficult for consumers to significantly substitute its use in the short run. If gasoline were to remain above \$3 for a prolonged period of time, then we would see increased consumer interest in more fuel efficient vehicles. Consumers have chosen to purchase large fuel inefficient vehicles because they like the utility obtained from their size, perceived safety, and horsepower relative to the possibility of having to temporarily pay 25 percent more for the price of fuel.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Death noted of Barbara Georgacas

It is with regret that we announce the death of Barbara Georgacas, retired associate professor and former chair of languages. A full obituary will follow when it becomes available.

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Remembering Esther Sanford

Esther Amanda Sanford, retired baker, Dining Services, died Jan. 14 in Valparaiso, Ind. She was 98.

Sanford, the daughter of Ludwig and Amanda (Zempel) Nickel, was born Nov. 19, 1908 in Pequot Lakes, Minn. She married Kenneth Elias Sanford on June 26, 1928 in Waukegan, Ill., who preceded her in death in 1962. She had been a baker with UND Dining Services and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks Senior Center, and the Senior Center Sunshine Band. She moved to Valparaiso in August 2006 to be closer to her family.

Survivors include three children: Verne (Marie) Sanford of Valparaiso, Ind.; Delores (Rev. Arlan) Brandt of Safety Harbor, Fla.; and Carol (Lynn) Walker of Havre, Mont. She was a grandmother of 13, great grandmother of 30 and great-great grandmother of four.

Sanford was preceded in death by four brothers, four sisters and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19 in Valparaiso. A memorial service was held April 14 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks.

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